

Remarks

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application and of the pending claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Claims 1-2 and 26-63 are cancelled. Claims 3-25 are currently pending in the application.

The pending claims were rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Malderen (listed as "Jose Remacle" in Delphion) WO9935499. Applicant submits that amended claim 4 provides a group of materials from which the polymer support is selected. The polymer support materials are not disclosed in the cited reference, and the reference does not anticipated amended claim 4 for at least this reason. Claim 4 is allowable over the cited reference.

The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 4 and are therefore allowable. Additionally, each dependant claim discloses an independently patentable aspect of the invention. Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Because there are no remaining rejections or objections, the pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below. Any additional fees for the accompanying response are hereby petitioned for, and the Director is authorized to charge such fees as may be required to Deposit Account 07-0868.

Respectfully submitted,

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